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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Sir:

Attached is a form PTO-1449, together with a copy of each of the identified documents. It is requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner and officially made of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and Section 609 of the MPEP.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application or before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. Therefore, no fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

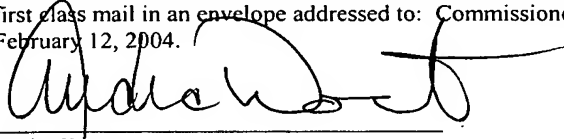
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